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MINISTER MACKAY TO MEET WITH RUSSIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay will meet with Sergey Viktorovich Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, on Monday, March 6, 2006. Russia is currently chair of the G8. The ministers will discuss international issues of mutual concern and interest, the intensifying nature of bilateral relations between Canada and Russia, and Russia's preparations and expectations for the St. Petersburg G8 Summit in July 2006.

Following the meeting, the ministers will be available to answer questions from media representatives.

Event:

Pooled photo opportunity (prior to the meeting)

Date:

Monday, March 6, 2006

Time:

10:30 a.m.

Location:

9th Floor, Tower A

Lester B. Pearson Building

125 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario

Event:

Joint media availability

Date:

Monday, March 6, 2006

Time:

11:30 a.m.

Location:

Lobby

Lester B. Pearson Building

Note: These events are open only to media representatives with proper accreditation.

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